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SUBJECT: THE CUBA ISSUE

BRASILIA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. YOU ASKED ME TO PURSUE WITH FONMINISTER BLANCO OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THE CUBA ISSUE AND SPECIFICALLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOME FORMULA WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE SUCH GUARANTEES FOR URUGUAY IN TERMS OF CUBAN INTERVENTIONIST ACTIVITIES HERE AS TO PERMIT A MORE FLEXIBLE URUGUAYAN APPROACH TO OVERALL PROBLEM. THE POINT IS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF URUGUAYAN EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED CUBAN SUPPORT FOR INTERVENTION HERE IN SOME MEANINGFUL WAY.

2. BLANCO TOOK THE INITIATIVE ON THIS BY GIVING ME YESTERDAY A MEMORANDUM ON THE SUBJECT. THIS CONSTITUTES, HE SAID, WITH ONLY MINOR WORD CHANGES, INSTRUCTIONS RECENTLY SENT BY THE GOU TO ITS AMBASSADORS IN THE HEMISPHERE. AS A STATEMENT OF URUGUAYAN ATTITUDE IT FORMS A HOPEFUL BASIS, I BELIEVE, FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE ALONG THE LINES YOU HAVE IN MIND. WE WILL GIVE THOUGHT HERE TO POSSIBLE FORMULAS AND WILL APPRECIATE YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON THE URUGUAYAN POSITION AS CONTAINED IN THE MEMORANDUM AND ANY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE FOR MY TALKS TO FOLLOW. THE MEMORANDUM, IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION, STATES:

3."MEMORANDUM - CUBA ISSUE

"1.) THE CUBA THEME SHOULD NOT ASSUME A LEADING ROLE (PAPEL PROTAGONICO) IN HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS AND SHOULD NOT CAUSE
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DIVISIONS OR CONFRONTATIONS IN SAID RELATIONS.

"2.) IT WOULD BE REGRETTABLE IF THE THEME SHOULD BE POSED AGAIN AS IT WAS IN QUITO.

"3.) URUGUAY IS DISPOSED TO EXAMINE THE MATTER ON A COLLECTIVE BASIS WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OAS BUT LEADERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE IN THE HANDS OF ONE COUNTRY OR OF A SMALL GROUP OF COUNTRIES.

"4.) THIS EXAMINATION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A DISCREET AND CONFIDENTIAL MANNER AND WITHOUT ANY PUBLICITY.

"5.) AS FOR BASICS, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE ESSENTIAL POINT TO RESOLVE IS THE FOREIGN POLICY OF CUBA, CHARACTERIZED BY INTERVENTION IN LATIN AMERICA AND BY SUPPORT FOR SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS, ALL OF WHICH CONTINUES TO HAPPEN EVEN TODAY WITH RESPECT TO URUGUAY. IN THE ANALYSIS OF THIS ASPECT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXISTING SANCTIONS FROM THE MILITARY POINT OF VIEW, OR RATHER WHETHER THEY IMPEDE OR PREVENT INTERVENTION, IS NOT AN IMPORTANT ISSUE. THE POLITICAL OR MORAL SIGNIFICANCE OF AN EVENTUAL LIFTING OF THE MEASURES AT A TIME WHEN URUGUAY IS THE OBJECT OF ACTS OF INTERVENTION AND OF CUBAN POLICY TO SUPPORT AND STIMULATE SUBVERSION IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

"6.) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT A MINIMUM OF INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY REQUIRES A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF THIS INTERVENTION BEFORE TAKING ANY OTHER STEP.

"7.) IT IS CLEAR THAT URUGUAY IS NOT THE ONLY COUNTRY AFFECTED BY THIS AGGRESSIVE POLICY. MONTEVIDEO, MARCH 11, 1975."
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